

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Everet L. Ballard, Treasurer Dooley for Congress P.O. Box 5759 St. Louis, MO 63121

RE: MUR 5001

Dear Mr. Ballard:

On August 14, 2001, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that the Dooley for Congress Committee and you, Everet Ballard, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended "the Act." However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file.

The Commission reminds you that distributing campaign literature without a disclaimer is a violation of the Act. You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact the staff member assigned to this matter, Mary Beth deBeau at (202) 694-1650 or 1-800-424-9530.

Sincerely,

David M. Mason Vice Chairman

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Enclosure:

General Counsel's Report